Inter-County Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 16, 2015

Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E Oak Street
Juneau, Wisconsin

Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chairperson Russell Kottke.

Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice
Jeff Hoffman certified that the ICC meeting was posted according to Wisconsin State Open Meeting Law.

Adoption of the Agenda
Moved by Columbia County to adopt the meeting agenda as presented; seconded by Green Lake County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Moved by Jefferson County to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting; seconded by Columbia County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials
No reports.

Update of County Issues –WCA
WCA representative Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, commented on several issues:
- State Budget discussion
  - UW hot topic
  - General school aids
- Transportation funding
  - Transportation – counties take on assessment
  - Funding with increase bonding
- Bucks arena

County Issue
- Levy limits remain in place
- Move to County-Wide assessment system
- Towns opposed to change in assessment system
- Elimination of Local government property insurance fund
- Drug screening for individuals on some type of assistance
- Youth aids funding remain stable
- Looking for changes to probation and parole program with an increase in funding
- Change to funding State Circuit Court System
- Natural Resource Board and DATCP Board
  - Lose ability to write policy
  - Eliminate stewardship land purchases
  - State will no longer make tax payments moving forward

Discussion Q and A followed

Program Topic: Presentation by Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney of Dodge County
DA Klomberg presented information on:
Heroin is a problem in Wisconsin/Dodge County
  - Shared information on the County’s Opioid Task Force, concentrating on prevention
  - A Task force for treatment
  - The role of Alcohol court

Presentation provided information on:
What is Heroin?
  - Opiate/Opioid Drugs
How it works on the body
What is a narcotic-symptoms
Narcotic withdrawals – how they drive the user to reuse
Transition to Heroin
  - From prescription drugs to narcotics
  - 378% increase in Heroin cases in 5 years
Heroin driving property crimes/is taxing law enforcement
  - Rural areas particularly impacted
Prescription misuse far out numbers Heroin abuse
The problem begins with prescription misuse

CDC Study Painkiller – Prescribed Drugs
  - No policy on when to prescribe opioids
  - Reporting of prescription scripts reduces ‘Doctor Shopping’
  - Pain management examples

Solutions
  - Prevention
  - Enforcement
  - Treatment
  - Harm Reduction

Resources sheet provided
Open Discussion of Counties – “What are you doing to remain a competitive & preferred employer?”

**Columbia County –**
- No slash and burn to employees
- To give the employees a sense of security
- Have a new Compensation Plan
- Reviewed many appeals
- Built bridges of trust with employees
- Encourage all employees with questions and concerns to call Co Br. Supervisors

**Jefferson County –**
- Completed a Wage Study
- Reviewed many appeals
- Gave County Administrator more latitude in compensation offers to retain employees
- Implemented an Employee Recognition Program

**Dodge County –**
- Watch pay structure, made tweaks to wage structure to attract quality applicants
- Moving ahead with Strategic Planning to improve communications between Co. Bd. Supervisors and employees.

**Sauk County –**
- Completed wage compensation study
- Wants the Administrative Coordinator and Corporation taken out of their wage and comprehensive study

**Green Lake County –**
- Started Pay for Performance
- Looking for a new Administrative type person
- New open door policy encouraged
- Improve recognition of employees

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**
- How to get the public more involved in County Government?
- Wants to talk about who oversight and supervision for Corporation Council and Administrative Coordinator?

**Adjournment**
Chairman Russ Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

**Minutes submitted by:**
Jeff Hoffman
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February 20, 2015